

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 25 (Canceled)

1 ~~26.~~ (Currently amended) A multilayer breathable film having the combination of properties of:

- (i) providing a barrier to microorganisms; and
- (ii) providing a barrier to blood and bodily fluids;

said breathable film comprising at least a three-layer film having as a minimum the following structure:
C:D:C;

where C comprises an outer monolithic layer containing a hydrophilic polymeric resin capable of absorbing and desorbing moisture and providing a barrier to water and microorganisms, said C layer being substantially free of particulate filler; and, D comprises a microporous adhesive core layer for bonding said C layers together, wherein said C layer substantially prevents the buildup of particulate filler material on a die during formation of said multilayer breathable film, and wherein said microporous adhesive core layer comprises particulate filler having an average particle size between about .8 microns and about 3 microns, where ~~upon stretching~~ the microporous adhesive [[the]] core layer has microvoids in a range from about 27.6% to about 42%, said microporous adhesive core layer being constructed and arranged to provide the passage of gaseous water but substantially prevent the passage of liquid water.

2 ~~27.~~ (Previously presented) A film according to claim ~~26~~, wherein said layers have the following volume ratio:

about 2 to about 98% by volume for said D layer; and

about 1 to about 49% by volume for each C layer, the volume % being based on the total volume of said breathable film.

3 ~~28.~~ (Original) A film according to claim ~~26~~, wherein said layers have the following volume ratio:
about 80 to about 98% by volume for said D layer; and

about 1 to about 10% by volume for each C layer, the volume % being based on the total volume of said breathable film.

4 ~~29.~~ (Original) A film according to claim ~~28~~, wherein said layers have the following volume ratio:
about 90 to about 98% by volume for said D layer; and

about 1 to about 5% by volume for each C layer, the volume % being based on the total volume of said breathable film.

Claims 30 – 31 (Canceled)

5 ~~32.~~ (Currently amended) A multilayer breathable film having the combination of properties of:

- (i) providing a barrier to microorganisms; and
- (ii) providing a barrier to blood and bodily fluids;

said breathable film comprising at least a coextruded three-layer film having as a minimum the structure C:D:C; wherein C comprises an outer monolithic film layer containing a hydrophilic polymeric resin capable of absorbing and desorbing moisture and providing a barrier to water and microorganisms, said C layer being substantially free of particulate filler; and, D comprises an adhesive core film layer for bonding said C layers together, the adhesive core film layer including micropores, the micropores being constructed and arranged to permit the passage of gaseous water and to provide a barrier to the passage of liquid water;

wherein said adhesive core film layer further comprises particulate filler having an average particle size between about .8 microns and about 3 microns, where ~~upon stretching~~ the adhesive core film layer has microvoids in a range of about 27.6% to about 42%; and further wherein the adhesive core film layer is bonded to the outer monolithic film layers along an interface, the bonding at the interface being substantially complete and uniform.